

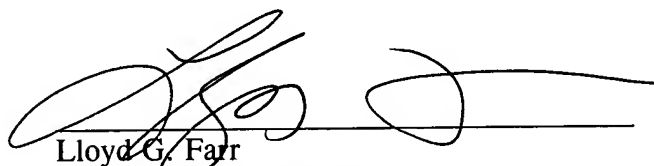
REMARKS

Claim 6 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Alguard, U.S. Patent No. 5,642,189, as set forth in paragraph 3 of the Office Action. While Applicants do not acquiesce in the rejection, and maintain the right to pursue the subject matter of claim 6 in a continuation application, claim 6 has been canceled to facilitate prosecution of the present application.

Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable action, and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection, is therefore respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at his convenience should any issues remain.

Respectfully submitted,

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